

AMENDMENT

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the application, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, to read as follows:

1-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) A method for determining whether a compound or composition is a regulator of intracellular glucocorticoid activity in adipose tissue comprising determining whether said compound or composition inhibits reductase activity of 11-Beta-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase 1 (11-Beta HSD1) in said tissue.

15. (Cancelled)